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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 12th meeting, on 4 November 2016, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that would occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of six of its members on 31 December 2016 (A/71/101/Rev.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the names of eight persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 (A/C.5/71/4).

3. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Takeshi Akamatsu (Japan), Mahesh Kumar (India) and Ye Xuenong (China) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 (see para. 8).

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee proceeded to select, by secret ballot, one person from the two candidates nominated by the Latin American and Caribbean States. The result of the voting was as follows:

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Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballots cast:	192
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	0
Number of members present and voting:	192
Required majority:	97
Number of votes obtained:	
Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico)	99
Olivio Fermin (Dominican Republic)	93

5. Having obtained the required majority, Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico) was recommended for reappointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 (see para. 8).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee proceeded to select, by secret ballot, two persons from the three candidates nominated by the Western European and other States. The result of the voting was as follows:

Western European and other States

Number of ballots cast:	192
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	0
Number of members present and voting:	191
Required majority:	96
Number of votes obtained:	
Marcel Jullier (Switzerland)	168
Catherine Vendat (France)	105
Ron Adam (Israel)	99

7. Having obtained the required majority, Marcel Jullier (Switzerland) was recommended for appointment and Catherine Vendat (France) for reappointment as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 (see para. 8).

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017:

Takeshi **Akamatsu** (Japan)
Marcel **Jullier** (Switzerland)
Mahesh **Kumar** (India)
Carlos **Ruiz Massieu** (Mexico)
Catherine **Vendat** (France)
Ye Xuenong (China)